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Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 CFR 1.97-1.98, within the time period specified by 37 CFR 1.97(c).

A Form PTO/SB/08 and copies of the references listed therein are attached. These references were cited in two Office Actions by the Japanese Patent Office on two Japanese applications that correspond to the present US application.

The references are written in the Japanese language. In order to provide English language information about the relevance of two of the references, Patent Abstracts of Japan summaries and computer-generated translations are attached. English language information about the remaining three references is provided in a form of corresponding US references as follows:

<u>Japanese</u>	<u>US</u>
8-142112	5,728,343
2002-201335	2002/0123557
9-217818	5,797,819

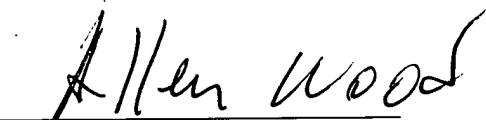
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The Japanese Office Actions both issued on November 20, 2007. Accordingly, the following statement pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1) is appropriate: Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is noted that the attached US references are not listed on the Form PTO/SB/08, because that would be inconsistent with the above statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1); instead, they are attached merely to provide English-language information about the relevance of the Japanese-language references that are the subject matter of this Information Disclosure Statement.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the references be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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